Classics

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The Classical Studies Department offers courses in the life, languages, cultures, and thought of the ancient Greeks and Romans.

The department offers a BA degree with a major in Classics and emphasis areas in Classical Humanities, Greek, Latin, and Classical Languages; MA degrees in Classical Languages and PhD degrees in Classical Studies. Minors are also available.

Faculty

Professor T. A. Tarkow**
Assistant Professor M. Farmer**
Associate Teaching Professor M. H. Barnes*
Professor Emeritus D. M. Hooley**; C. Saylor*
Visiting Assistant Professor D. Krasne

- Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master’s thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
- ** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

- BA in Classics (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/classicalstudies/ba-classics)
  - with emphasis in Classical Humanities (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/classicalstudies/ba-classics-emphasis-classical-humanities)
  - with emphasis in Classical Languages (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/classicalstudies/ba-classics-emphasis-classical-languages)
  - with emphasis in Greek (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/classicalstudies/ba-classics-emphasis-greek)
  - with emphasis in Latin (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/classicalstudies/ba-classics-emphasis-latin)
- Minor in Classics with emphasis in Classical Humanities or Greek or Latin (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/classicalstudies/minor-classics-emphasis-classical-humanities)

Major with Honors

The undergraduate program can also include 3-6 credits in an honors thesis course (CL_HUM 4970H or CLASS 4970H). These credits, in addition to major requirements and a 3.5 GPA in all classical studies courses (as well as a 3.3 overall GPA), lead to a BA degree with a major in Classics with Honors.

Double Majors

A double major is a good way of integrating two related areas of interest, such as Classics and Archaeology or English and Philosophy. Students looking forward to a career in medicine or the sciences may use a double major (Classics and Biology or Chemistry, for instance) to ensure a thorough background in the humanities to balance their scientific studies. Usually minor or related field requirements for each major are satisfied by major courses in the other department. Consult with departmental advisors about specifics.

Graduate

- MA in Classical Languages (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/classicalstudies/ma-classical-studies)
- PhD in Classical Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/classicalstudies/phd-classical-studies)

Graduate Studies
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Director of Graduate Studies: Raymond Marks

The Department of Classical Studies offers graduate work leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. The graduate faculty encourages applications from talented and committed students, whose undergraduate careers have given them an appreciation of the rich, many-faceted nature of classical studies and an interest in discovering a place of their own in it. Solid experience in Latin and Greek is of course desirable, but Missouri’s MA program is specifically designed for students whose study in one or both of the languages may have come late and who need help getting up to speed rapidly.

Career Preparation

Graduate programs in classical studies are designed to prepare students for professional careers as teachers and scholars of classical literature and ancient civilization. Besides acquiring expertise in the traditional classical disciplines, students are encouraged to become familiar with other areas, such as later literatures and cultures, on which the classical tradition has exercised a decided effect.

Facilities and Resources

Because MU is a contributing member of the American Academy in Rome and the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, the facilities of those organizations are available to graduate students from Missouri. Study in Athens or Rome is often feasible after the completion of a master’s degree. On campus, students have at their disposal the resources of Ellis Library, which are excellent in the major fields of Greek and Latin languages and literatures, and in ancillary fields. This collection is supplemented by the department’s Walter Miller Collection. The Museum of Art and Archaeology contains many items of interest to classicists.